

September 3, 2014
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Ms. Francine Locke, Director
Office of Environmental Management and Services
School District of Philadelphia
440 North Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19130

**RE: PCB Transformer Removal - Serial No. 3475167
Strawberry Mansion High School
3133 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19132**

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Dear Francine:

This letter documents the decommissioning and disposal of the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) transformer – Serial No. 3475167 from the electrical substation at the Strawberry Mansion High School (SMHS). On-site activities associated with the decommissioning and disposal of this transformer occurred from August 13 – 14, 2014.

Background

SMHS has been operating the two PCB transformers listed below under a Consent Decree between the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) since March 1997.

PCB Transformer Summary Strawberry Mansion High School	
Transformer	Serial Number
Transformer 1	3475167
Transformer 2	3475168

During August of 2014, both PCB transformers were removed from this location. A separate correspondence that addressed the removal and disposal of the transformer with the Serial No. 3475168 has been provided to the SDP.

Transformer Removal

The transformer that is the subject of this correspondence (Serial No. 3475167) was manufactured by Allis Chalmers and contained 3,313 pounds (approximately 255 gallons) of Chlorextol dielectric fluid.

As part of the project associated with the replacement of the PCB transformers, a technical specification that included a description of the environmental requirements for the removal and disposal of the PCB transformers in accordance with the Consent Decree and applicable state and

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federal regulations was prepared. Information describing the contract, inclusive of decommissioning and disposal of the PCB transformers at SMHS, is described in our letter of September 2, 2014.

On August 13, 2014, Keating Environmental initiated on-site observation of the decommissioning and removal of the PCB transformer number with the Serial No. 3475167. Decommissioning activities included transferring the dielectric fluid into one 350-gallon steel tote and removing the fluid and transformer carcass from the substation. The draining of the transformer occurred on August 13, 2014 and the removal of the containerized dielectric fluid, drummed debris, and transformer carcass occurred on August 14, 2014. In addition, an epoxy coating was applied over an existing epoxy coated area proximate to the transformer.



The primary activities that were completed during the decommissioning of the transformer with the Serial No. 3475167 were generally similar to the decommissioning activities of transformer Serial No. 3475168 (but without the complications) and are described in our letter of September 2, 2014, except for the following:

- Non-PCB stains/discolorations on the substation floor, in the adjacent light well, and the work area outside the building were identified and marked before the work was initiated. Other than the PCB encapsulated floor area proximate to this transformer, no PCB related floor staining was observed prior to August 13, 2014¹.
- Approximately 255-gallons of dielectric fluid from the transformer was pumped into one 350-gallon steel tote. The tote was placed inside a secondary containment sack and placed on plastic sheeting inside the substation during its filling.
- Drain protectors and rubber mats that were in the transformer room were also removed and placed into the waste drum. No new stains were present in the work locations.
- The PCB warning labels on the substation access doors were removed.
- The drum, tote of PCB oil, and carcass were transported from the site (in two separate shipments due to the size of the truck) on August 14, 2014. The first load consisted of the tote, which was labeled as PCB and manifested under a uniform hazardous waste manifest for transport to a Clean Harbors facility in Twinsburg, Ohio. The second load consisted of

¹ In August of 1997, as a result of a release of PCB fluids from this transformer that contaminated a small area of the concrete floor proximate to this transformer, an epoxy encapsulant was placed as an interim remedial measure. The area of the floor that was encapsulated is fully described within the April 2009 "PCB Removal and Disposal Plan" for this location.



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the drum and the transformer carcass, which were also labeled as PCB and manifested under a uniform hazardous waste manifest.

- Copies of the uniform hazardous waste manifests showing acceptance of the PCB material at the Twinsburg facility are attached.

No evidence of PCB oil staining was observed on the floor slab beneath PCB transformer – Serial No. 3475167 following its removal. It is noted that extending a couple of inches under the footprint area of the removed transformer was an area of dried epoxy hardener that was used when the initial epoxy coating was applied in the 1990s.

On August 14, 2014, the previously encapsulated area, as well as, an area extending approximately one-foot beyond the perimeter of the previously encapsulated area was detergent cleaned. Then, one layer (colored gray) of epoxy was placed over the previously coated area (which was yellow). To be conservative, the area that was re-encapsulated was extended by approximately 10- to 12-inches “under” the footprint of the removed transformer.

No drilling, coring or abrading of the encapsulated area occurred during the installation of the new transformer. Because PCB-impacted concrete remains at the school, the requirements of the Consent Decree regarding the maintenance and documentation of the encapsulated area remains applicable.

Additional documentation regarding waste disposal/destruction will be provided to the School District when received.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Regards

KEATING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, INC.



Keith Choper, PE, LEED-AP
President

Attachments: Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests
Photographs

Cc: Mr. Jerry Junod
File 5385
File 2050

Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests

UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST		1. Generator ID Number 10 CFR PART 751	2. Page 1 of 1	3. Emergency Response Phone 1404352984 (800) 473-3718	4. Manifest Tracking Number 007526205 FLE		
5. Generator's Name and Mailing Address SCHOOLDISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ATTN: FRANCINE LOCKE 440 NORTH BROAD STREET, ROOM 3034 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130		Generator's Site Address (if different than mailing address) STRAWBERRY MANSION HIGH SCHOOL 3133 RIDGE AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132					
Generator's Phone: 215 551-6734		U.S. EPA ID Number					
6. Transporter 1 Company Name CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.		U.S. EPA ID Number MAD039322250					
7. Transporter 2 Company Name		U.S. EPA ID Number					
8. Designated Facility Name and Site Address CLEAN HARBORS PPM, LLC 1675 EAST HIGHLAND ROAD TWINEBURG, OH 44087		U.S. EPA ID Number OH D986875393					
Facility's Phone: (330) 425-3625							
GENERATOR	9a. HM	9b. U.S. DOT Description (including Proper Shipping Name, Hazard Class, ID Number, and Packing Group (if any))	10. Containers No. Type		11. Total Quantity	12. Unit Wt./Vol.	13. Waste Codes
		RQ, UN2315, POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, LIQUID, 9, PG III (PCBS)	001	CM	3091 3091a	K	NONE
		RQ, UN3432, POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, SOLID, 9, PG III (PCBS)	001	DM	91	K	NONE
14. Special Handling Instructions and Additional Information 981 40146-70A S/D 3413161- 982 DM-10 1) PPMCHTRM, 2) PPMCHSL. ERG # 171 DATE REMOVED FROM SERVICE FOR DISPOSAL: 8-14-14 SEND COPY TO: KEATING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT 635 SPRINGFIELD DRIVE EXTON, PA 19341							
15. GENERATOR'S/OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name, and are classified, packaged, marked and labeled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable international and national governmental regulations. If export shipment and am the Primary Exporter, I certify that the contents of this consignment conform to the terms of the attached EPA Acknowledgment of Consent. I certify that the waste minimization statement identified in 40 CFR 262.27(a) (if I am a large quantity generator) or (b) (if I am a small quantity generator) is true.							
Generator's/Offor's Printed/Typed Name Paul Davis Agent for school Dist. of Phila- (SDP)							
Signature Paul m. Davis Agent for SDP							
Month Day Year 08/14/14							
TRANSPORTER INTL	16. International Shipments <input type="checkbox"/> Import to U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Export from U.S. Port of entry/exit: Date leaving U.S.:						
	Transporter signature (for exports only):						
TRANSPORTER	17. Transporter Acknowledgment of Receipt of Materials						
	Transporter 1 Printed/Typed Name Alex Caulden						
DESIGNATED FACILITY	Signature Alex Caulden						
	Month Day Year 08/14/14						
18. Discrepancy							
18a. Discrepancy Indication Space <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity <input type="checkbox"/> Type <input type="checkbox"/> Residue <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Rejection <input type="checkbox"/> Full Rejection							
Manifest Reference Number: U.S. EPA ID Number							
18b. Alternate Facility (or Generator)							
Facility's Phone:							
18c. Signature of Alternate Facility (or Generator)							
Month Day Year							
19. Hazardous Waste Report Management Method Codes (i.e., codes for hazardous waste treatment, disposal, and recycling systems)							
1. 2. 3. 4.							
20. Designated Facility Owner or Operator: Certification of receipt of hazardous materials covered by the manifest except as noted in item 18a							
Printed/Typed Name Luciana Boss							
Signature Luciana Boss							
Month Day Year 08/14/14							

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****Each Unit Must Be Marked On Sheet With All Corresponding Information Filled In****

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MANIFEST 007526205 FLE

UNIT TYPES:

Phase

MATERIAL TYPE:

TRANSFORMER TYPE:

**POLE
PAD
SUBSTATION**

UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST		1. Generator ID Number 4 8 C F R P A R T 7 6 1	2. Page 1 of 1	3. Emergency Response Phone AREA 473-3718	4. Manifest Tracking Number 007526204 FLE			
5. Generator's Name and Mailing Address SCHOOLDISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ATTN: FRANCINE LOOKE 440 NORTH BROAD STREET, ROOM 3034 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130			Generator's Site Address (if different than mailing address) STRAWBERRY MANSION HIGH SCHOOL 3133 RIDGE AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132					
Generator's Phone: (215) 651-6734			U.S. EPA ID Number MA0039922250					
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7. Transporter 2 Company Name			U.S. EPA ID Number					
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20. Designated Facility Owner or Operator: Certification of receipt of hazardous materials covered by the manifest except as noted in Item 18a Printed/Typed Name Luciana Ross Signature Luciana Ross Month Day Year 08/14/14								

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Photographs

Transformer No. 3475167



Photo 1 – Transformer No. 3475167 Nameplate.

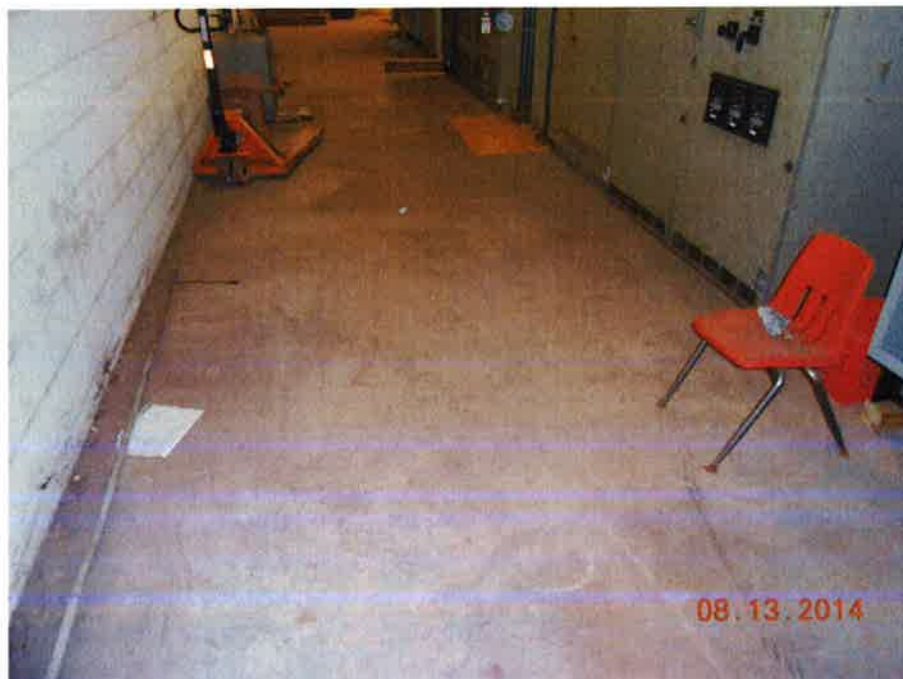


Photo 2 – Transformer No. 3475167 prior to removal activities.

Signature: Paul M. Dain

Date: 8/13/2014



Photo 3 – Transformer No. 3475167 prior to PCB oil removal.

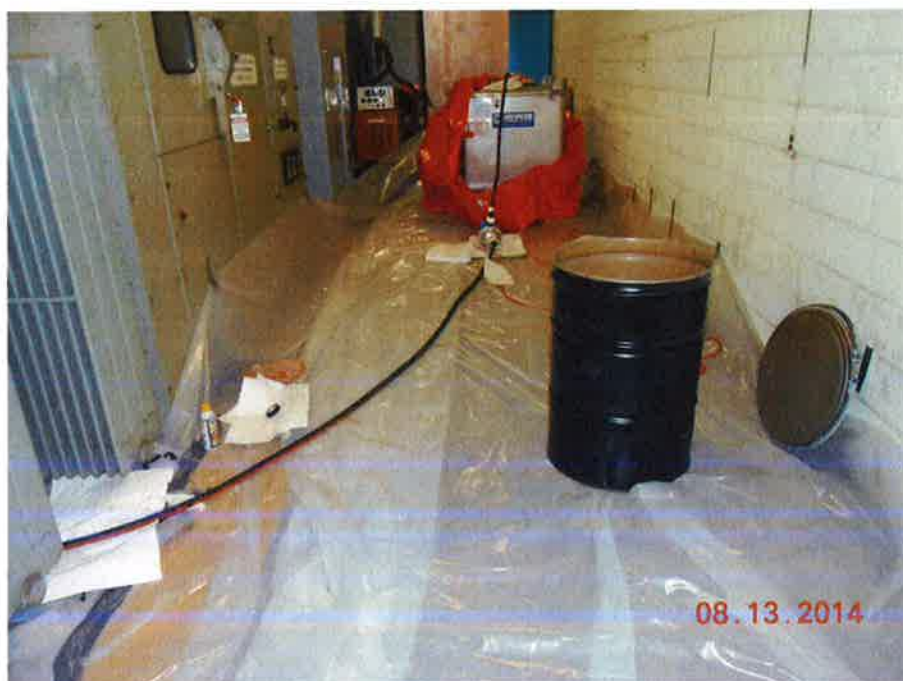


Photo 4 – Transformer No. 3475167 during PCB oil removal.

Signature: Paul M. Durr

Date: 8/13/2014



Photo 5 – Transformer No. 3475167 floor beneath former location of transformer. Darker areas on edge are dried epoxy hardener from initial encapsulation.



Photo 6 – Transformer No. 3475167 epoxy re-encapsulation – gray layer.

Signature: Paul M. Durr

Date: 8/16/2014

Photograph Documentation

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